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**Statement from Atlanta City Council President Ceasar Mitchell on the veto House Bill 859
(campus carry proposal)**

ATLANTA - Atlanta City Council President Ceasar Mitchell released the following statement supporting Governor Deal's decision to veto HB 859:

"As Council President and a member of the University of Georgia Board of Visitors, I support Governor Deal's veto of a HB859. I believe that the decision to allow guns on college campuses should be left up to the school's governing body and the voice of the students.

College students across the state have spoken and have rejected the idea of firearms on campuses. I believe that our state should invest our time, energy, resources and focus on education, not guns.

I am proud that Governor Deal listened to the people of Georgia to keep our higher education institutions as revered spaces.

Thank you Governor Deal for your strong leadership by maintaining the integrity and culture of our colleges and universities."

Currently, Ceasar Mitchell serves on the University of Georgia Board of Visitors. In July 2012, Mitchell created the Campus Safety Task Force with Georgia Tech, Georgia State University, Morehouse College, Spellman College, Atlanta Technical College and Clark Atlanta University. As City Council President, Mitchell focuses on public safety and education issues.

For a high resolution headshot of Ceasar Mitchell, please visit:

<http://www.ceasarmitchell.com/bio>.

Optional: Photo of Ceasar Mitchell with Nathan Deal:

<http://www.ceasarmitchell.com/media/rokgallery/4/4473d4fd-5643-41e2-8145-7d460ee3ca1a/06aa4586-d781-4863-94b5-feebadc301c4.jpg>